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SEQUENCE ENCODING THE ANALOG

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Sir:

In response to the Notice of Allowability dated February 10, 2003, the following Comments on the Examiner's Statement for Reasons of Allowance are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

In the Reasons for Allowance, the Examiner states, "The single-chain insulin analog protein of the instant application is a fusion of the B and A chains of human insulin chains by a joining peptide of about 5 to 18 amino acids comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 3."

The Examiner incorrectly identifies the sequence identifying number of the joining peptide. As described in allowed claim 1, the joining peptide comprises SEQ ID NO: 1. As such, the Examiner's statement should correctly read, "The single-chain

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insulin analog protein of the instant application is a fusion of the B and A chains of human insulin chains by a joining peptide of about 5 to 18 amino acids comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 1."

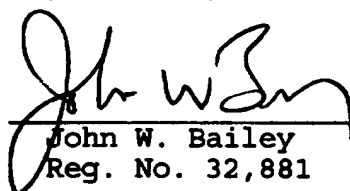
If the Examiner has any questions regarding the above, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Kristi L. Rupert, Ph.D. (Reg. No. 45,702) at (703) 205-8000.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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